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## United Way's Women's Leadership Council Hosts Quarterly Meeting on Mentoring Opportunities

The Women's Leadership Council is a new United Way of Thurston County member-based philanthropy program created to inspire, educate and engage women in philanthropy, community service, advocacy and mentoring. A quarterly meeting for members and interested women is on April 30th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Schmidt House, 330 Schmidt Place SW in Tumwater. Debby Gaffney of North Thurston Public Schools will speak about the Be the One Mentoring Coalition, and representatives from other local organizations will share information about available mentoring youth opportunities. To RSVP for the free event, contact Ellen Zito at 360.943.2773 x 15 or [ezito@unitedway-thurston.org](mailto:ezito@unitedway-thurston.org). Refreshments will be served.

Women can join the Women's Leadership Council by contributing a leadership gift of \$1,000 annually, with those under 35 able to join at the \$500 level, and full-time students at the \$100 level. Funds raised through annual memberships support the WLC Giving Circle Fund, allowing members to pool their contributions to fund local programs or projects. Besides providing women the opportunity to give and fund collectively, the program provides hands-on volunteer opportunities, invitations to local and regional events, and the opportunity to network and advocate with other caring women of influence in the community.

The Women's Leadership Council is part of United Way's Financial Stability Partnership initiative, with a goal to help low to moderate-income individuals reduce debt, increase income and grow assets. For more information contact Pam Toal, Executive Director at 360-943-2773 x 10 or [ptoal@unitedway-thurston.org](mailto:ptoal@unitedway-thurston.org).

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